

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

**Monday
February 2, 2004
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at Evergreen Recreation club lounge room. In attendance were the District VI City Council Member, eleven (11) District Advisory Board Members, six (6) city staff, and four (4) citizens. Approximately 21 were in attendance.

Members Present

Council Member Sharon Fearey
Rosalie Bradley
Sandra Whittington
Maurine Willis
Bob Wine
Dick Rumsey
Paul Daemen
Bob Schreck
Bickley Foster
Rick Shellenbarger
Rob Johnson-alternate
John Guthridge- alternate

Member Absent

Annie Best
Jaya Escobar

Guests

Listed at end

Staff

Officer Gary Morris, Patrol North
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Shane Hackworth, Health Dept.
R. Kay Johnson, Health Dept.
Sgt. Chris Bannister Patrol North
Officer Glen Kyle, Patrol West

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. and welcomed guests. DAB members were asked to introduce themselves and the area they represented.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for December 17, 2003 were approved with the following amendments (**Schreck/Johnson 11-0**)

- Under Capital Improvement Program review statement should read: Jabara Airport, you're not thinking ahead on construction of hangers and runways allowing for possible future of more runways.
- Under Capital Improvement Program review statement should read: Purchase more land South of Mid-Continent Airport and West along Meridian-North of 1-35 to the city limits.
- Bickley Foster was noted as being present and was not.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following amendments. (**SchreckWillis 11-0**)

- Added Fireworks Taskforce as Item 3 under Board Agenda

Public Agenda

No members of the public requested to speak.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Police Report

Officer Gary Morris - Patrol North discussed the different issues the other Community Police officers were working on. Officer Franco is meeting with the contacts that were developed to discuss the trains' situation (sitting at tracks for long periods of time).

An undercover Prostitution sting has recently been done and undercover stings on Graffiti, we are looking at the hotspots. 2nd/ shift officers caught a major Graffiti tagger and he was booked on five counts. The Gang Unit is working with Library staff because of gang members coming into the Library. There have been problems again with Latino Boom and Tejano Club because of noise. Wednesday we will be doing a Domestic Violence workshop at North High school.

Member Daemen stated he called the number for reporting graffiti and had a total over several days a 5-hour wait for someone to finally answer. What are we to do when they spray paint on the inside? My property on 27th and Arkansas has been hit a few times, they target Hispanics by non-Hispanic.

Officer Morris responded you call the police and report the graffiti, it goes on a list and then they get to it. Due to the weather there is a backlog on following up on graffiti or you could call OCI or Patrol North and West.

Sgt. Bannister, Patrol North, 2nd shift supervisor stated there had been vandalism taking place.

Officer Glen Kyle, Patrol West commented on graffiti happening again in the Riverside Park area. Riverside Neighborhood Association is cleaning up signs and new stonework that was covered. There has been a Larceny at Morgan's Landing apartments and auto thefts of cars left running so people drive off with them. A purse snatch took place at 13th & West Dillon's, we caught them because they were using a credit card at Dillard's.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

2. **Revision of Animal Maintenance Code**

Kay Johnson Environmental Health staff stated the drafted revisions to the present codes being reviewed tonight were based on complaints received and conditions encountered such as terminology, animal day care due to our changing society, raising current fees for permits and the new code table. *Shane Hackworth, Neighborhood Inspector* was also present to offer assistance with the explanation of the revisions.

The DAB members made comments/inquiries of the following: *Responses in Italics*

- Do animals get evaluations or regular inspections now? *Inspections are based on complaints only due to the caseloads we have and depending on if they have a permit for their pets.*
- What is the number of dogs allowed? *4*
- Surrounding cities only allow three (3). I recommend we take the number to allow only 3 dogs. Wichita is very non-restrictive for a city of this size.
- How do people get permits? *Call Environmental Health department to get your permit.*
- What does a permit do? *Allows Pre-inspection of your property. One ordinance change is set back on dog Kennels so they are no right up to the neighbors fence or home*

Member Foster stated that under the Definitions of "Commercial classification" the sentence was too long and needed to be re-worked. **Member Wine** included that definition of kennel allowed five (5) or more dogs, the language needs to be reviewed and change to allowing only four (4).

The Board expressed concerns regarding permits and who is required to have one, annual residential inspections are they taking place, fencing and allowing variances, the number of animals a residence could have didn't seem consistent throughout the proposed document and if other communities our size had been reviewed to see what they are permitting for their codes. They inquired on the increased charge of \$50. for the agriculture code permit and felt it should be decreased to \$25. Also the word variance was used in the language pertaining to the changes and one member felt this was a word used more for the zoning department. A different word is requested to be used. Only one citizen commented on her approval for the changes.

***** **Action Taken:** The Board recommended staff to look at surrounding communities of comparable size in relationship to our ordinances and revisit the issues with DAB within 60 days by a vote of **(Guthridge/Daemen 11-0)**

BOARD AGENDA

3. Fireworks Taskforce

Member Schreck serves on the Fireworks Task Force as a representative for DAB VI gave a follow-up of the meeting that had taken place. **Schreck** discussed the executive summary of the task force that had been sent to the members prior to the meeting and stated the task force was struggling on what to do next.

Member Rumsey asked if we enforce the codes as written, would that be sufficient? **Schreck** responded you have to catch the person doing the fireworks in order to enforce.

Fearey asked what about if police come to a home and confiscate the fireworks and not give a fine. Response was it doesn't seem to be working now. Fire and Police are working together on this. There was one time there were 7 specific calls to one location. WPD did not respond 7 times.

It is not illegal to carry or have fireworks in your car as long as they are not being fired. Also there is a question concerning the fines. City Council fought us on \$300.00 as a fine, is it too much – not enough?

Is the \$300 fine only for the fine or does it include court costs if you show up? **Schreck** said it's another \$75.00 for the court costs. Several members stated the punishment should fit the crime and make it a significant amount for the violation. There were sufficient media announcements made about this. People buy up to \$500.00 just for fireworks so they should be able to pay the fine and double if the fireworks are illegal and not bought in Wichita. **Rumsey** stated children couldn't pay \$500. some discretion should be used. **Schreck** stated that kids throw firecrackers at people, shoot roman candles across the street and more. If the Fire department writes the ticket and they go to court, it should be up to the judge to determine what the outcome will be.

Whittington asked what about having a permit to shoot fireworks and include a curfew time, we have to get a permit for garage sales. **Wine** included for public displays give a curfew as midnight. **Willis** asked can we limit fireworks just for the fourth of July.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

Council Member Fearey thanked Bob for assisting in this difficult task.

4. **Problem Properties**

No problem properties were submitted.

5. **Neighborhood Reports**

- **North Riverside NA:** reporting a drive by shooting near the 1500 block of Hood and at Twin Lakes the El Tequila Club withdrew their request to have a 15,000 sq.ft. banquet room.

*******Action Taken: Receive and file**

UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER

- **Cell tower at Twin lakes Voice Stream (T-Mobile) and equipment installation-**collocate of the Satellite dish, Greg Ferris will return. City Council has asked to look at cell towers and do a study. There is a Bill being introduced at state level for cities to not have control over cell towers.
- **City Council workshop location-**Decided everyone could come to Friend's University. I tried to get the workshop to be at city hall.
- **Mead paving-** I can order in for one block long and no one can protest. Westar can see the benefits of paving. I talked to Alan Bell and will talk to Scott Logan about this. There maybe new apartments at the SW corner of 3rd and Mead. Maybe they will also use this road.
- **Water Retrieval system for car wash at 53rd Street N and Meridian-**Health Department inspection is concerned no car wash water is to be discharged into sewers. They have doubts on technology on the retrieval system.
- **13th and St. Paul-**Rezoning there will be very limited parking and possibly only 2-3 uses for the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next DAB meeting, Wednesday February 18, 2004 at **6 p.m. Please note the change of time**

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Guests

Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence
Berle Willis	SGNA
Ken Thomas	4725 Cobblestone Rd.
Marilyn Y. Johnson	Rental- 538 W. 31 st St. S. Wichita, KS. 67217